

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
February 2, 2010, @ 7:00 p.m.

The February 2, 2010, regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. The following members were present:

Mayor Larry Yates and Council Members Michael Harris, Rocky Wood, Diana Reedy, Joe Sperow, Paul Arrington and Johnnie Branham.

ITEMS # I & II

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Chief Wallace offered the prayer.

ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates made a request for any additions or changes to the agenda. Two additions were requested. Council member, Rocky Wood, requested a discussion of laptop computers for the police department be added as Item # (C.) in New Business. Council member Johnnie Branham requested a discussion of gas distribution throughout the town to be added as Item # (B.) in Old Business. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to accept the agenda with the two additions. **A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood to approve the agenda,** with motion on the floor being **seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow.** Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the prepared, January 2010 minutes of the Town Council Meeting. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. **A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood** to approve the minutes, with motion on the floor being **seconded by Council Member Paul Arrington.** Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

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ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT

After inspection of the current list of payables, **a motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham** to pay the expenditures, with the motion on the floor **seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy**. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Total deposits for the month of February were \$22060.13. Expenditures for the month of February were \$48670.26, reflected in checks #9514 – 9559. The general funds ending balance for the month was \$33897.10.

ITEM # VII – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Police Activity Report – Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigations for the month of January. He reported traffic for the month as being slow due to weather conditions. He stated that an annual report was also included with the monthly activity report and offered to answer any questions pertaining to the reports. After a brief discussion, Mayor Yates moved on to the next item of business.

At this time Mayor Yates distributed to the council copies of the quarterly report for Four County Transit. He also gave a brief explanation of several inserts in the council packets: Adventure Tourism Entrepreneur Workshop; Social Media Workshop; 2010 Legislative Report. At this time he announced the date of the town election and deadline filing date.

- B. Downtown Revitalization Project- Mayor Yates informed the Council of the need to schedule two Public Hearings as required by grant qualifications for the DCHD funding. He suggested March 2nd @ 6:45 and March 30th @ 6:00 p.m as dates for the Public Hearings. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to schedule the Public Hearings as stated. **A motion was made by Rocky Wood to schedule the Public Hearings for March 2nd @ 6:45 p.m. and March 30th @ 6: 00 p.m., with the motion on the floor seconded by Diana Reedy.** Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting.
- C. Natural Gas Distribution - Mayor Yates stated through his research he had discovered that Virginia Gas Distribution, the company that had signed a contract with the town, has sold out to Sparta Group located in Houston, TX. He stated that the FCC did have the Haysi area assigned for public gas distribution by Appalachian Natural Gas Distribution. Mayor Yates had spoken with the Vice-President, John Jesse. Mr. Jesse stated he was aware of the contract to provide services to Dickenson County. He continued by saying that did not mean the company had to provide that service, but he would be willing to make an assessment of the

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ITEM # VII – OLD BUSINESS, Cont'd Natural Gas Distribution

C. situation to see if it would be economically feasible to install distribution lines and meters throughout the town. Mayor Yates stated one point of interest was that Appalachian Natural Gas Distribution Co. was supplying natural gas to the Haysi Regional Jail.

Councilman Johnnie Branham reported he had recently met with Jack Honaker representing Appalachian Natural Gas Co. to discuss possible gas distribution for the town. Mr. Honaker had said he would discuss the matter with his boss and plan to attend the next council meeting.

Mayor Yates suggested all parties interested should make phone calls and/or write letters to the company requesting gas distribution for Haysi.

ITEM # VII – MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Yates gave a report of his trips and meetings during the month of January.

- January 18th – 20th- Richmond Legislative trip- During that trip he had meetings with the following:
 - Private meeting with DHCD to discuss grant applications
 - Virginia Tourism
 - Tobacco Commission
 - U.S.D.A. Rural Development
 - Lt. Governor Bolling
- January 26th – Meeting with Mr. Branson and others from VDOT for a walk thru to make an assessment of how to improve the parking and speeding problems and improve pedestrian safety.
- January 26th - Management Team meeting – WebX conference with Arron Arnett and Hill Studio to discuss downtown revitalization project. Final report due from Hill Studio this month.
- January 27th – DHCD –“How to apply for Block Grants” workshop in Abingdon
- February 1st – Meeting with Lester Hill and others representing AEP to discuss the problem of overhead clutter on utility poles. Identified the majority of the clutter was attributed to TV cable connections and excess telephone lines

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ITEM # IX – COUNCIL COMMENTS

Diana Reedy - Complaint of tree blocking view at Kid's Central exit. Mayor Yates noted the complaint and stated he would take a look of the location.

Michael Harris – Inquired about the status of debris clean-up of from the snow storm. Mayor Yates replied he had not had a chance to ask anyone about the clean-up. Council Member Rocky Wood stated the contract had no been let out for bid and clean-up would not continue until that process was complete.

Rocky Wood – Informed the Council he had spoken to county inspector, Carl Turner, and asked him to contact Mayor Yates concerning the abandoned buildings in town. He continued to say Mr. Turner had not spoken favorable about the problem concerning the abandoned buildings. Mr. Turner had told Council Member Wood he was aware Mayor Yates wanted to meet with him, but he had not had the time to return his telephone calls.

Rocky Wood – Asked when BVU planned to make the Internet Service connection for the fire department. Mayor Yates replied that BVU was working in the area and had a few problems to work through before the fiber could be lit.

Paul Arrington – Reported a possible water line leak in the street across from Church of Christ. Mayor Yates said Buchanan County PSA would be notified.

Johnny Branham – Inquired about the overflowing manholes. Mayor Yates said he had not made any progress concerning the problem. Nicole Tucker, representing Friend of the Russell Fork, reported the PSA planned to put a camera down the manholes to identify the problem.

ITEM # X – NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request by Dickenson County Electoral Board to use Haysi Town Hall Council Chamber as polling location for town elections - Mayor Yates stated he had received the request from Harold Fuller. Mayor Yates entertained a motion concerning the request. **A motion was made by Rocky Wood to allow the town elections to be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers**, with the motion on the floor **seconded by Diana Reedy**. Let the record show the motion was passed by verbal voting.

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ITEM # X – NEW BUSINESS CONT.D

- B. Laptops computers for the police department – Mayor Yates invited Chief Wallace to open the discussion. Chief Wallace reported he had been told the county could obtain laptop “tough books” for the police department. He also stated that recently the fire department had purchased laptops for their department and Fire Chief Rocky Wood had told him their laptops were superior in quality compared to what the county was using. He gave one example as 911 information could be downloaded to their laptops. Mayor Yates requested Chief Wallace to present during the March meeting specs and requirements needed for police department laptops so that a comparison of both products could be made. Council Member Rocky Wood stated he would also have the exact cost of the fire department laptops available at the next meeting.

ITEM # X - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicki Barton –Beautification project for Haysi High School

Mayor Yates informed the Council he had previously spoken with Ms. Barton concerning the project and wanted the town to partnership with the school and involve the youth in the downtown revitalization project.

Ms. Barton addressed the Council to give an explanation of the project. She stated during a District One meeting in October 2009 she had requested the project for the high school. Several days later she had received notification of approval for funding of the project. She stated several points of interest concerning the project:

- Student Virginia Education Association/University of Virginia involved in project
- Goals of project
 - ❖ Refurbish awning at front entrance
 - ❖ Paint murals on each end of lobby
 - ❖ Update and remodel trophy cases
 - ❖ Refurbish stairwells
 - ❖ Remove shrubs and replace with picnic tables
- Materials supplied by Lowe’s
- Plans to contact local lumber supplies to request donations
- Planned to involve Beta Club, Key Club, Bible Club and UVA students
- Scheduled for April 17th & 18th

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Ms Barton stated the project needed volunteers for the project. Mayor Yates said he hoped to be able to help.

Ms. Barton participated in an open discussion and answered questions concerning county school consolidation.

Nicole Tucker – Friends of the Russell Fork

Addressed the Council to make several announcements

- Chili Cook-Off sponsored by “ Friends of the Russell Fork” had been rescheduled for March 6th @ 12 noon @ Sandlick Elementary School.
- The group had been awarded a Lowe’s grant for construction of an outdoor classroom for Sandlick Elementary.
- She asked for everyone to vote on line for two “Pepsi Refresh” application submitted by Friends of the Russell Fork.
- February 16th as the date for the next “Friends of the Russell Fork” meeting.
- She reported her group had applied for EPA funding to aid in sewage clean-up and improvements.

Mayor Yates asked Ms. Tucker if she could request, through her contacts with “Friends of the Russell Fork”, a water shed sign for Rt. 83.

Council Member Paul Arrington reported the railroad crossings were in need of repair. Mayor Yates stated he would make the call to request the repairs.

ITEM # X – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, **a motion was made by Diana Reedy, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham** to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

